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Thomas Thoresen  
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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request: EPA-HQ-2018-006861

Dear Thomas Thoresen,

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated April 20, 2018, in which you requested the listing of all EPA Air Program, Notice of Violations issued in Wisconsin from January 2011 to the present. The data you have requested is available to the public on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Enforcement and Compliance History Online (ECHO) website at <https://echo.epa.gov>. For your reference, an ECHO Navigation Guide is enclosed.

The website provides a single place to find up-to-date regulatory compliance and enforcement data with fast, integrated searches of EPA and state data for more than 800,000 regulated facilities. ECHO focuses on inspection, violation, and enforcement data for the Clean Air Act (CAA), Clean Water Act (CWA), Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), with Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) data included for context. ECHO also contains EPA enforcement data for other environmental laws such as the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act (MPRSA), and the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

ECHO provides an integrated and aggregated view across multiple environmental databases. The information contained is difficult to find elsewhere because the information resides in multiple data systems - many not easily available through public searching. In general, ECHO facility reports offer three years of violation data and five years of compliance monitoring and enforcement data, with additional years of EPA enforcement data available via the EPA Enforcement Case Search (<https://echo.epa.gov/facilities/enforcement-case-search>). In the event the website reports do not meet your needs, bulk data downloads are available at <https://echo.epa.gov/tools/data-downloads>.

ECHO refreshes its data on a weekly schedule, so changes in the source data systems are generally reflected on ECHO within 7 days - details are available on the About the Data page at

<https://echo.epa.gov/resources/echo-data/about-the-data#sources>. If you have questions or comments while exploring ECHO, feel free to use the 'Contact Us' button on the top right of each page. Here are some links to get you started:

- <https://echo.epa.gov/resources/general-info/learn-more-about-echo>
- <https://echo.epa.gov/help/tutorials>
- <https://echo.epa.gov/resources/general-info/echo-faq>

This letter concludes our response to your request. You may appeal this response by email at [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov), or by mail to the National Freedom of Information Office, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue. If you are submitting your appeal by hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20001. Your appeal must be in writing, and it must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals *received* after the 90-calendar-day limit. Appeals received after 5:00 pm EST will be considered received the next business day. The appeal letter should include the FOIA tracking number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email, the appeal letter, and its envelope, if applicable, should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Additionally, you may seek assistance from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov) or (202) 566-1667, or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8610 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email, [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone, (301) 837-1996 or (877) 684-6448; or fax, (301) 837-0348.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please call Jernell Battle, of my staff, at (202) 564-5053.

Sincerely,



Randolph L. Hill, Director  
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Enclosure